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them contain passages of great power. All of them exalt Jesus Christ and call men to better living.

Dr. MacArthur is a topical preacher. Rarely does he devote any large portion of the sermon to what may be called exposition. The initial sermon of the volume affords a fair example of his method. Treating the words of Jesus, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me," he points out six characteristics of this drawing, viz.: personal, conditional, certain, gentle, comprehensive, evangelical. The most thoughtful sermon of the volume is that entitled "Greater Works." This is not a sermon-reading age, but if those who read them wish that which is virile and free from all cant, they will find it in the sermons of the Calvary pastor.—LATHAN A. CRANDALL.

Ephemeriden des Isch-Schachefeth. Aus dem Tagebuch eines Einsamen. Ausgewählt u. herausgegeben von L. Rymarski. (Gütersloh: C. Bertelsmann, 1898; 2 vols.; pp. xii + 352, xvi + 341; M. 8.) We gather from the preface of the editor that the author concealed under the somewhat unfortunate pseudonym "Isch-Schachefeth" (man of consumption) was a German theologian living in America, who recorded his thoughts in his diary in disconnected essay form, with an eye, however, to publication. The two volumes, of 350 pages each, are merely a selection from the material in the editor's hands. We venture to think it might have been cut down to one volume; the poetry interspersed is hardly of sufficient poetical value to demand publication, though some satirical passages are quite bright. The essays touch a long range of subjects, e. g., Faust and Cain's wife, pessimism and biblical criticism, always from the point of view of a devout conservative, looking out with good-humored contempt on the critical busybodies of his time. The tone is somewhat somber, but not at all depressing. The author was evidently a man of wide learning, with a wealth of historical and poetical allusion at his command. His thoughts are often really *geistreich* and illuminating; sometimes they drop to mere prettiness. Altogether it is a very German book and grows on one with the reading.—W. RAUSCHENBUSCH.

John Williams, der Missionar der Südsee, und die Londoner Südsee-mission. Von Dr. W. F. Besser. (Berlin: Buchhandlung der Berliner Evangelischen Missionsgesellschaft, 1897; pp. 239; M. 2.) The first part of this book, 164 pages, is virtually a reprint of the third edition